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3. (Amended) A method of enhancing production of recombinant polypeptides in a non-human mammal, [Use of an enhancer element] comprising providing the nucleotide sequence TTC TGA GAA in an expression vector [to be used] in the [a] non-human mammal for the production of recombinant proteins or polypeptides in milk.

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4. In claim 4, line 1, replace "use" with --method--.

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5. In claim 5, line 3, delete "characterized in that"; in claim 5, line 4, replace "comprises" with --comprising--.

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6. (Amended) The enhancer element of claim 5, [characterized in that it] wherein the enhancer element is responsive to both somatic and lactogenic stimuli.

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7. (Amended) The enhancer element of claim 5 [or 6, characterized in that it] wherein the enhancer element is responsive to signals generated from both growth hormone and prolactine receptors.

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8. (Amended) An expression vector comprising a structural gene encoding a desired protein or polypeptide and a promoter, [characterized in that] wherein the vector further comprises at least one enhancer element including the nucleotide sequence TTC TGA GAA, with the [exception of] proviso that the nucleotide sequence is not the SPI-growth hormone responsive element (SPI-GHRE).

9. In claim 9, line 3, replace "characterized in that it" with --wherein the vector--.

10. In claim 10, line 2, replace "characterized in that" with --wherein--.

11. In claim 11, line 2, delete ",9 or 10".

12. In claim 12, lines 6-7, replace "characterized in that" with --wherein--.

13. (Amended) The transgenic non-human mammal according to claim 12,  
[characterized in that it is] being selected from the group consisting of mouse, pig, goat,  
sheep and cow.

14. In claim 14, line 2, replace "characterized by" with --comprising--; in claim  
14, line 3, delete "or 13".

Please add the following claims 15-18:

15. (NEW) The enhancer element of claim 6 wherein the enhancer element is  
responsive to signals generated from both growth hormone and prolactine receptors.

16. (NEW) A eucaryotic host cell containing the expression vector according to  
claim 9.

17. (NEW) A eucaryotic host cell containing the expression vector according to  
claim 10.